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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0394

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, LY, GE
SUBJECT: LIBYAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER CRASH

REF: TRIPOLI 0367 (NOTAL)

1. GDR AMBASSADOR SEIDEL NOW HAS A NEW AND, HE SAYS, DEFINITIVE VERSION OF THE RECENT HELICOPTER CRASH WHICH HE IS PASSING TO ALL WHO WILL LISTEN (WHICH IS EVERY DIPLOMAT IN TRIPOLI). ACCORDING TO THIS VERSION, AN INVESTIGATION (BY AN UNSPECIFIED BUT PRESUMABLY LIBYAN ENTITY) HAS INDICATED THAT TECHNICAL FAILURE HAVING TO DO WITH MAL-FUNCTIONING OF THE ROTOR BLADES WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRASH.

2. PRACTICALLY NO ONE BELIEVES THIS STORY, WHICH CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH HIS ORIGINAL VERSION, AND TRIPOLI CONTINUES TO
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BE RIFE WITH RUMORS OF A SABOTAGE ATTEMPT. SINCE EVIDENCE WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE AVAILABLE, RUMORS LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

3. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE ITEM MONITORED MARCH 12 TO EFFECT THAT LIBYAN AIR FORCE CHIEF FARJANI HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH CRASH IS UNTRUE ACCORDING TO

PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR WHOSE AIR ADVISORY GROUP HAD CONTACT
WITH HIM MORNING OF MARCH 13.
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